

Town of Searsport Cemetery Committee

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This report is of a meeting with James Gillway, Town Manager and Cemetery Sexton, on May 5.

Bowditch

- The tomb roof has been stabilized and the soil grading remains to be completed
- A new layout for grave expansion at the southerly end is approved and will be prepared by fall.

Elmwood

- Monument cleaning is planned to finish this summer/fall.
- Stone repair is scheduled.

Evergreen

- Fence to be repaired and encroaching trees to be removed by fall.
- The back line is to be bushed to the fence.
- Three trees are to be removed from the property.
- A flowerbed will be built similar to the other cemeteries, this fall.

Gordon

- The northerly road in the east section will be blocked at the entrance.
- The southerly road in the east section will be blocked above the low/wet spot.
- The down tree lying on the fence will be removed and the fence repaired.
- Monument cleaning is scheduled for this year.

Merithew

- The new portion is scheduled for construction starting with the new road, turn around and parking.
- Jeff Brazier will be contacted to repair the old wrought Iron fence and gate for relocation at the new Merithew Road entrance.
- The gate will be offset from the road for ease of access.
- A flowerbed is planned when construction is completed.

Village

- Monument cleaning is planned for this year.
- Stone repair is also planned for this year.
- Section Two at the rear of the cemetery is planned to be a Memorial Area. The terrace slopes will be graded to a 2:1 slope for ease of mowing.

There will be a worker dedicated to stone cleaning and repair this summer.

We will be using large galvanized spikes and washers to monument the corners of the grave sight areas.

Sandra Otis Anderson has joined our committee and will work with Alberta Ames in the Gordon Cemetery.

Don Garrold, Chair of Cemetery Committee